

Packing List Suggestions

Packing for a cruise is a bit different than other vacations (except camping). There are shops on board to purchase basic items you may have forgotten, but their stock is limited. So, the below are merely suggestions from various veteran cruisers.

Odds & Ends	
Nightlight (rooms are dark at night)	Chapstick
Alarm clock (w/batteries)	Bug spray for jungle tours
Magnetic hooks (for additional storage)	Sunscreen, aloe for burns & sun hats
ZipLock Bags (3 of each size)	Collapsible hamper / neat cabin
Pens, highlighter, & post it notes	Sunglasses / extra regular glasses
Mini fan	Tide pen
Glass repair kit / sewing kit / safety pins	3 Plastic bags for wet clothes / swim
Clorox wipes & hand wipes	Rain poncho
Glass cleaner & lens cloth	Insulated tumbler (for pool drink)
Wrinkle Releaser spray	Metal straws (no plastic straws allowed)
Waterproof or mesh tote (pool & ocean)	Overdoor shoe pockets holder (toiletries)

Packaged snacks	Phone charger
Waterproof phone case	Restroom spray (urgh!)
Cameras (& underwater disposable)	Travel corkscrew
Extra outlet w/USB ports - non surge only	Towel Clips & clamps /clothes pens
Crossbody bag or lite backpack (tours)	Mini lint roller
Memory cards & Batteries for video	Mini flashlight

Kindle /charger or book(s)	Lanyard for room key / onboard credit
Ear plugs	Watch

Your Medical Bag (Think Travel Sizes)

Neosporin / Antibiotic ointment	Benadryl / Allergy meds
Various sized bandaids	Decongestant
Moleskin (for blisters)	Pepto/Peppermint oil/Tums
Ace bandage	Gauze patches / medical tape
Cough syrup / lozenges	Bonine - sea sickness meds
Imodium (cause...well, you know)	Daily medicines / Epi pen /Insulin
Sinus medications	Essential oils :Thieves for anti-virus
Aleve / Advil / Etc.	Essential oils :Pan-away for pain
Eye drops	Essential oils :Lavender for burns

Documents

Passport / birth certificate	Drivers license
Printed cruise documents /boarding pass	Insurance card
Excursion documents	Travel insurance print out
Business cards (networking)	List of medications and illnesses
Pre/Post cruise hotel confirmations	Emergency contacts numbers
Plane tickets (if necessary)	Printouts of bus transfer to port
Credit card(s) - call before your trip	Cash - Onboard ATMS are expensive

Toiletries

	Shampoo (already in shower on board)		Make-up
	Body soap or gel w/bath poof		Nail clippers
	Hair treatments / spray		Deodorant (please)
	Lotion		Razor
	Travel toothbrush & paste		Any other goop, gop, & privates u need

Shoes

	Flip flops / water shoes		Dinner shoes
	Comfortable walking shoes		Sandals

Clothing

	2 - 3 Swint Suits (allowing to dry)		Socks & under garments
	Swim cover-up		Light jacket
	2 - Formal Night outfits		Sleepwear
	5 - mix/match dinner outfits		Jewelry
	3 - shorts / Capris		3 -T-shirts (buy a few in ports)
	Sunhat		

TIP: Bring an over the door clear pocket shoe holder to put in bathroom (limited vanity space) to hold all your toiletries.

TIP: It is unwise to bring anything with “Camo” on it. In many countries it is illegal to wear it, and you could be fined. It is strictly for their military, and thus you could be arrested for wearing it.

TIP: Contact the credit card company of any card you are bringing to avoid declines. Out of country charges flags your account if they are unaware you are there.

TIP: We want you to have a great vacation, but please don't become unaware of your surroundings. Cruise ships are like small cities, and criminals can cruise too.

TIP: There is a safe in your cabin to secure your items. Big enough for a small ipad but not a laptop. It is a digital safe that you set the numeric code to open and close.

TIP: ATM's on board the ship are extremely expensive, so try to bring cash. You may want to tip extra for extremely awesome service, or you may need some dollar bills on the island.

TIP: You will be given a cruise card. This holds your credit card information as well as your photo ID, and its your room key. When purchasing bar drinks (and other things) an automatic 18% tip is placed on the bill. Many people are unaware of this and tip additionally. Read the receipts.

TIP: Although most cruises leaving and returning to USA do not require a passport (merely a birth certificate), you must consider you are entering different countries. If something happens and you must return home from another countries port, you will need a passport.

TIP: When the ship says it will leave you behind if you are not onboard by the time to depart, they are not lying. Many youtube videos will show you heartbreaking photos of people running for a departing ship. It is up to them to get to the next port. Bring a passport.

TIP: If you book a shore excursion via your cruise line, they will wait for your group if there is an issue and will get you back to ship.

TIP: Insurance is optional, but if you are wounded or suffer a natural illness and need to be airlifted to a hospital, this may be something to consider.

TIP: Many cruise ships allows you to bring up to (2) bottles of wine, and a 12pk of soda per person. These items **MUST** be in or attached to your carry on when boarding the ship.

TIP: Although you purchased a cruise with specific destinations, as on the cruise ticket (in small print), the ports may be changed due to: weather, mechanical issues, political unrest, etc.

TIP: Although rare, it can happen. Your luggage never arrives, and you discover it was left in the departure port. You have an entire week with what you brought on board, or what you can purchase in port. **PLEASE** consider the following:

- a) The day of departure wear comfortable clothing, and perhaps your swimsuit underneath. If your cabin is not prepared when you board, you will be responsible for your bags. Many folks hit the pool for a few hours (this is a veteran cruiser tip).
- b) If two of you are traveling together, cross pack. This way if one bag gets lost, you have something to wear.
- c) Pack your carry on carefully. All valuables, medication you need, 1 dress outfit, 1 regular outfit and underwear and socks. (pack sandals

and wear your walking shoes on board). This can get you by many days if lost bag.

TIP: DO NOT under ANY circumstances book an early flight home from your cruise. Departing the ship can be delayed due to customs, weather, mechanical and many other issues.

TIP: Don't forget to bring a non-surge power supply/strip, usually there is only 1 outlet in your cabin (hint, get the kind with 3 outlets and 2 usb chargers).

WE will have - duct tape, scissors, scotch tape,
power strips with USB ports - hole punch for card.